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COLLINSVILLE WOMAN SENTENCED FOR ATTACKING FEDERAL OFFICER

Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on February 3, 2006, **TINA BELL**, age 43, of Collinsville, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois.

TINA BELL was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment, 3 years' supervised release, and was fined \$200.00. **TINA BELL** pleaded guilty on November 3, 2005, to Assault on a Federal Employee, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 111.

TINA BELL was charged with Forcibly Assaulting and Making Actual Physical Contact with a Deputy United States Marshal While Engaged in Official Duties.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Marshal's Service and the Illinois State Police. The incident occurred while the Marshals and State Police were attempting to arrest a relative of **TINA BELL**.

Title 18, United States Code, Section 111, provides, among its provisions, that it is unlawful to assault, resist, oppose, intimidate or interfere with a federal officer or employee while engaged in or on account of the performance of official duties.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Daly.